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Network Using Context Interchange

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

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This Response and Amendment addresses the points raised in the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on December 11, 1997. A one-month extension of time to respond is required and a petition and the appropriate fee is enclosed with this paper. Please amend the application identified above in the following manner:

**In the Specification:**

Please add the following paragraph before the Technical Field:

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